

NOTABLE DAY AT CENTENARY

Revival Closes With Two Great Sermons by Rev. Bridgers. Foster Brown on Patriotism.

To use a popular phrase of the day Rev. Luther B. Bridgers, the Georgia evangelist, who has been conducting a three weeks' revival at Centenary church, went over the top Sunday in his closing services.

This has been a notable series of meetings and the seed sown will no doubt bear fruit in the days to come in abundance. The large auditorium of the church was filled to and beyond its seating capacity at both hours Sunday and the preacher delivered notable sermons.

Both services were especially appropriate to the Easter season. Mr. Bridgers was in fine form and he preached as he had never preached before at any of the service during the three weeks past. His sermons made a deep impression on the large congregations and especially his reference to the war and the encouraging messages he delivered were greeted with great applause from the large congregations.

In his invocation he prayed for success of the allied arms in the titanic struggle for democracy and liberty and then he spoke in the most optimistic manner as to the late news received from the battle front and predicted a great and glorious victory for the allied forces.

His announcement that the boys of America were rushing from all directions to the battle front brought forth great applause.

Special musical programs were carried out at each service under the leadership of E. L. Wolslager, of Asheville, N. C. At the evening services the congregation was favored with a beautiful solo by Mrs. Luther B. Bridgers, wife of the evangelist.

Mr. Bridgers at the evening hour and preliminary to his sermon took occasion to extend his thanks to the newspapers and all the people who had in any way contributed to the success of the meetings and shown him and his party of coworkers in any courtesies. A large number of children and others were taken into the church as members at the morning hour by Dr. E. E. Wiley, pastor.

Mr. Bridgers admonished the church members to stand by those who had come into the fold. He said the devil would immediately upon the close of this series of meetings begin his work and by devious ways undertake to coax not only the new, but older members to become backsliders. He

SUBMARINES IN PLACE OF ROSES ON BRIDE'S PATH



Instead of roses scattered on her bridal path, Miss Rothopy Lambros found only 20,000 miles of green sea breakers with submarines lurking below. From the banks of the Nile to Chicago's windy avenues she came to marry Athan Kritikos whom she met years ago in Greece. Cupid had the range on hostile periscopes and Miss Lambros didn't even don a life preserver.

Mr. Wolslager, his singer, will go to his home in Asheville and later join Mr. Bridgers in Kentucky.

Another Notable Event. Another notable event at Centenary church Sunday was a patriotic address delivered by Foster V. Brown to the Centenary Martin class at the Sunday school hour.

Mr. Brown stirred the large congregation present to heights of enthusiasm and his speech was emphasized by much applause during its delivery. He told the people of their duty and what they owed to their country in this great crisis. He called attention to Centenary's service flag with its ninety-four names, and said this congregation should be proud of the lesson it taught. He said the boys would come back from the war better men and better Christians, with a full realization of the divine God and Master. He very touchingly referred to his own son, Lieut. Foster V. Brown, who is now, no doubt, in the trenches with the American soldiers fighting for liberty and democracy.

HOW AUTO CLUB HAS HELPED CITY

With Service as a Foundation, Association Has Stimulated Interest and "Done Things."

(By V. D. L. Robinson.)

Service is the foundation on which the 1,000 members of the Chattanooga Automobile club are building one of the most effective civic organizations in the city. While the Chattanooga Automobile club is expected to give its particular attention to the interests of motorists and particularly to the members of the club, there is no civic movement of importance to Chattanooga in which the Chattanooga Automobile club has not had an active part. Since the entrance of the country in the great world war, the Chattanooga Automobile club has been in the front rank of all war activities going beyond the duties usually assigned to a motor club in many instances, notably sending a committee to Washington to secure an enlargement of the military camps at Chickamauga park.

The Chattanooga Automobile club was organized in the fall of 1914 with a charter membership of eleven, with W. R. Long, president; C. E. Kirkpatrick, treasurer and V. D. L. Robinson, secretary, at whose instance the club was organized. Immediately following the charter meeting the new club took up the work of organizing the Dixie highway movement, and under their auspices two meetings attended by 5,000 citizens from Michigan to Florida, including a conference of the governors of seven states, was held the following spring, which resulted in the organization of the Dixie Highway association and the establishment of the national headquarters of the association in Chattanooga. The growth of the club has been steady since that time until its membership now reaches beyond the 1,000 mark.

The Chattanooga Automobile club did not rest with merely bringing about the organization of the Dixie Highway association, but has been loyally co-operating with that organization in all of its efforts, particularly with reference to opening up the Dixie highway between Nashville and Chattanooga, over Cumberland mountain and between Cincinnati and Knoxville. In order to get the work started on the Suck creek route, became manifesting a spirit of carrying on the work which he had outlined, endeavoring to give the service to Chattanooga which he would have desired the club to give. The club, by unanimous vote, selected E. D. Reed as Mr. Rogers' successor.

A like amount of federal aid to assist two mountain counties in Kentucky to complete their link in the highway, the club raised a special fund of \$1,000 for this purpose. The club also subscribed for a founders' membership in the Dixie Highway association at \$1,000 and one of its most influential members, who is too modest to permit his name to be used, subscribed and paid for another founders' membership. A committee, headed by J. H. Wann as chairman, accompanied Judge M. Allison, president of the Dixie Highway association, to Nashville and presented the claims for federal and state aid for the Nashville-Chattanooga division of the highway so strongly that sufficient funds were appropriated to complete the highway. The highways to Knoxville, Atlanta and other cities have been posted by the club and every main highway logged, the logs being printed for the benefit of tourists. This work will be renewed by the club during this year. The club has started an aggressive campaign to break up the theft of cars and accessories and has a strong committee in charge of this work.

The club has had a part in every liberty loan campaign, in addition to being active in the campaign for the sale of thrift stamps. The club posted and painted advertising matter all along Market street for the special thrift stamp day working all of the night preceding the special day of this work. Prominent members of the club are in active charge of the liberty loan parade, April 6. The club has arranged for cars and workers to post advertising of the third liberty loan campaign throughout all of Hamilton county and suburbs. The club has further agreed to transport various points throughout the county. Arrangements have been made for a series of monthly entertainments for the officers at Chickamauga park.

While the club has been unfortunate in losing the counsel and enthusiastic leadership of the late Albert H. Rogers, who was elected president of the club for 1918, the club members are manifesting a spirit of carrying on the work which he had outlined, endeavoring to give the service to Chattanooga which he would have desired the club to give. The club, by unanimous vote, selected E. D. Reed as Mr. Rogers' successor.

LAWYERS VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST SQUIRE EAGAR

Will Fight Recent Law That Deprives His Bailiwick of Representation.

A number of law firms have offered their services to Squire H. H. Eagar and his constituents on Missionary ridge in the fight for continued representation on the ridge. Squire Eagar, in speaking of the constitutionality of the redistricting law, said that Cummins & Williams, Carden & Snyder, Tatum, Thach & Lynch, C. W. K. Meacham and William F. McLaughlin had tendered their services and are at present advising as to the ways and means to take the first step against the new law. The lawyers claim the law is unconstitutional on the grounds that it is the repeal of a general statute and made to apply singly to one county. It will be remembered the bill was passed by the last legislature and reduced the representation in the county court from twenty-one to seven.

The residents on Missionary ridge are the first to express their opposition to the bill, and they have instructed Squire Eagar to proceed to fight the new law in every way possible. "It is not my intention to run with the other justices under the old law," said Squire Eagar, "but my constituents on the ridge feel that the new law does them a grave injustice, as it does others. It deprives them absolutely of direct representation in the court which the law says they shall have."

"I have discussed the matter with several lawyers and a number of those who have not volunteered their services have expressed themselves as confident the new redistricting law will not hold."

"I am prepared, on advice of my counsel," said Squire Eagar, "to fight the new law to the highest court, and in the meantime I am a candidate from Missionary ridge to succeed myself and know I will be elected."

Paulist Choristers Sing at Lyric Soon

The Paulist choristers of Chicago, composed of 100 men and boys, accomplished musicians and singers, will visit Chattanooga April 16-17, on their southern tour, and give two concerts at the Lyric.

This choir of Chicago's most accomplished musicians and singers are working under the auspices of the Catholic war relief committee to raise \$100,000 for the French restoration fund. Father Francis T. Sullivan, of Chattanooga, had the following to say when interviewed on the subject: "I am personally acquainted with the choristers, and they cannot be equaled by any organization of their kind in the United States, and I will stand sponsor and guardian that the concert will be the first and last time that the people of Chattanooga will have the opportunity to hear the grandest aggregation of voices that has ever been heard."

The choir was organized in 1904, and has visited most all leading cities in the United States, besides making sensational European tours. While in Rome they were given a private audience by Pope Pius X. Father Sullivan claims that "Billy the Mocking Bird" is one of the most unusual characters ever witnessed, and that he has made a name for himself as a soprano singer.

Much interest is manifested in bringing the choir to the city. Arrangements are being made by Father Sullivan's congregation to entertain the choir with sight-seeing tours of Chattanooga and community.

Father William Joseph Finn has devoted a long life to the study of music, he having shown a marked ability for music at an early age. He is a composer of great merit and a great conductor of choruses. The choristers under Father Finn's leadership are the result of his extraordinary ability and efforts. The choristers have been in the east and north, they are now completing engagements in the south, after which they will tour the west.

SPEAKERS LEAVE TO FILL ENGAGEMENTS

Judge Joe W. Williams and J. W. Bishop left at 2 o'clock Monday morning for McMinnville, where they are scheduled to speak Monday afternoon in the city of the third liberty loan campaign. They will speak at Sparta Monday night.

Frank S. Carden also left on the same train, going to Decherd and Winchester, where he has been assigned to speak on the same subject.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR BIG CROP

Chattanooga Territory Stands to Reap Rich Harvest of Strawberries.

A reporter for The News through observation at first hand and from inquiry among growers finds that the prospects for the strawberry crop were never better at this time of the year than now. The plant is unusually thrifty and the early varieties are blossoming profusely. For several weeks the weather has been all that could be desired, say the growers, and with a continuance of similar conditions the crop will be early and a bumper.

One advantage the strawberry crop has over many other crops is that it can be picked by children who are even more efficient at this job than are men. This is especially important in a crisis like this, when the man-power of the country is hardly equal to the occasion. It relieves the men for the heavy work which women and children cannot do, and the proceeds come in at a time when the preparation for other crops is all outgo.

The strawberry crop, when full and prices fair, is a great addition to the revenue of the producers of the Chattanooga territory, adding hundreds of thousands of dollars to their treasury which substantially benefits the whole community.

One great point in favor of a strawberry crop in the Chattanooga territory is the delicious flavor of the berry produced here as a result of the nature of the soil and climatic conditions. It is unequaled anywhere and is its own competitor. It is demanded in preference to all others in the northern and eastern markets. In some soils and climates berries do grow large, but minus the delicious flavor of the Tennessee product. The Tennessee berry is in a class of its own and has permanently established itself in the appetites of the consuming public.

Fillers of the soil say that the situation is promising for good crops all around this year. The heavy, numerous freezes of the past winter went deep and have thereby pulverized the soil. This will help to conserve moisture and furnish plant roots a likely place to grow. It also makes cultivation more easy, and has destroyed many pestiferous insects which are a never-ending menace to most plants.

The profusion of blossoms on nearly all kinds of fruit trees indicates that the trees are busy and are making an effort to bear. The hard winter must have also exterminated many insects which infest and prey on fruit trees.

Producers are looking for a good yield of everything that comes from the soil.

ONLY CARRIED \$5,000 ELEVATOR INSURANCE

Points of Interest in the Anderson Suit for Damages Against Warehouse Concern.

The judgment in favor of Mrs. Hattie A. Anderson, administrator of the estate of her husband, for \$20,000 against the Chattanooga Warehouse and Cold Storage company is only covered by the defendant by an accident policy of \$5,000. Theo King, president and general manager of the defendant company, stated that he only had \$5,000 elevator insurance against such accidents. It will be remembered that the plaintiff's husband met his death as the result of falling through an elevator at the defendant company's plant. The plaintiff claimed its attorneys, Tatum, Thach & Lynch, R. A. Cogswell and T. D. Fletcher that the fastening on the elevator was defective and the accident came to his death as the result of carelessness of defendants.

Williams & Lancaster for the defendant and Strang & Fletcher for the insurance company, filed a motion, when the case was called before Judge Nathan L. Bachman for peremptory instructions on the grounds that the deceased at the time he met his death was not in the plant by invitation, but was at the plant engaged in repairing such defects as existed in the elevator service. After the argument Judge Bachman took the motion under advisement until the following morning, at which time he stated that the point involved was of such a nature that he would allow the case to go to the jury.

After the trial the jury took the case and reported a judgment of \$20,000, the largest in the history of the court. The deceased at the time of his death was employed in supervising an annex adjoining the building, and Mr. King stated he never understood where he met his death. The case has been appealed.

DOWNTRODDEN BY GERMAN AUTHORITY

E. V. Sieller, an employee of the Southern railroad, an Alsatian and is much interested in the war. In speaking of this interest he said his five brothers were forced into the German army at the outbreak of the war, and that he had heard from either of them for three years. Mr. Sieller, who left Alsace-Lorraine nineteen years ago and came to this country, told how the Alsatiens were deprived of liberty by the German government, and how they were despised by his people. He said that his people had no love for a German, as they were not allowed to speak the English or French language, but were forced to speak the German language against their will. He told how the German authorities erased the French names of streets, using German names. He recalled an instance in his boyhood days when the German empress visited his town upon a public occasion, and after she had spoken to a small gathering she promised to give any girl her request if she would make speech, whereupon a small girl made a speech, and when the empress asked what she wanted, the empress was informed that above all things she wanted the French language taught in the school. Mr. Sieller said the empress turned pale, but to make good her promise she allowed the French language taught for two hours each day. Mr. Sieller is a patriotic citizen, supporting all the efforts to win the war for democracy and freedom.

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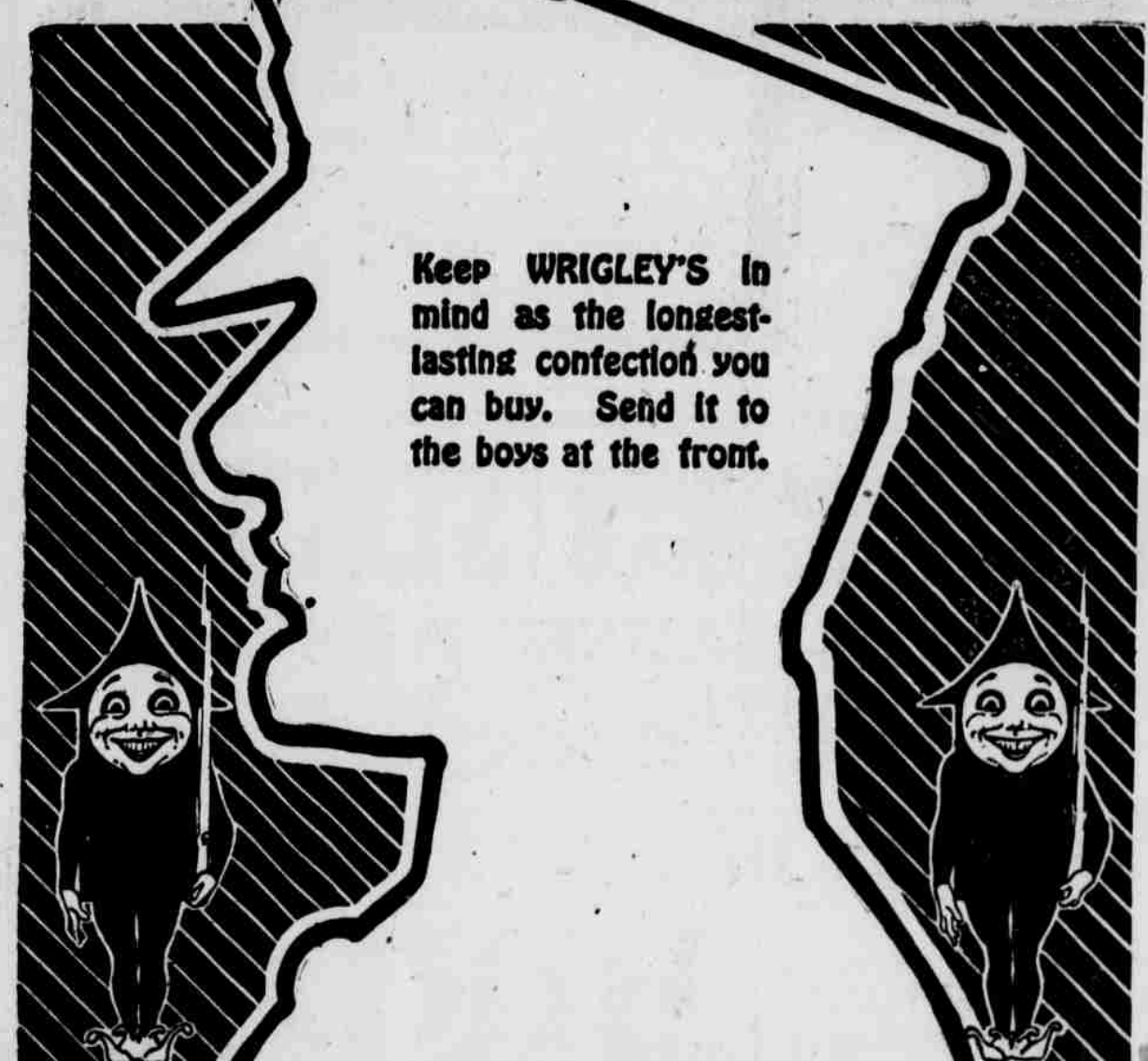
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